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*P.S. I am old enough to have seen what  
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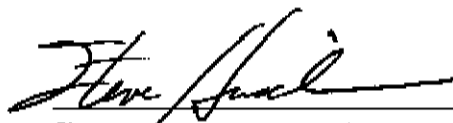
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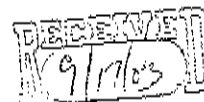
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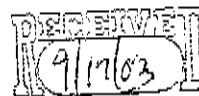
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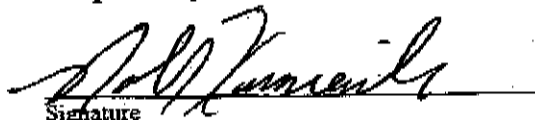
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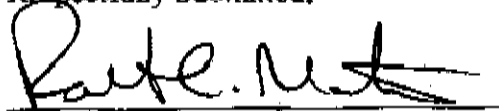
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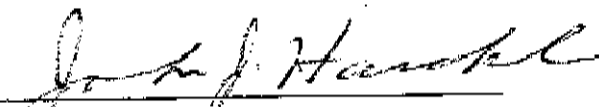
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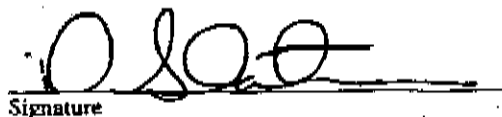
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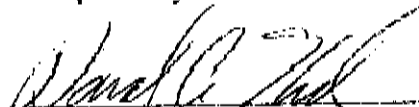
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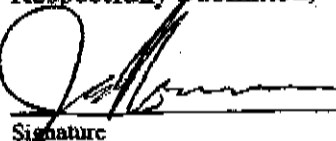
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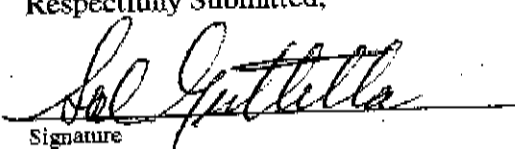
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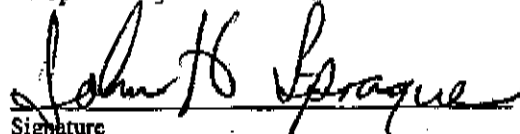
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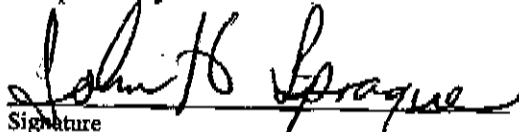
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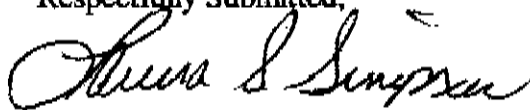
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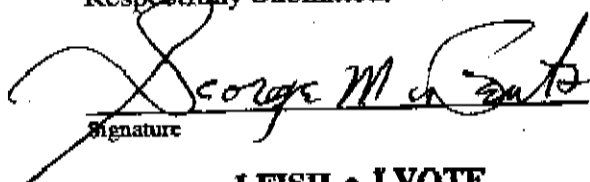
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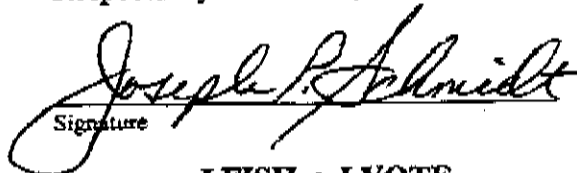
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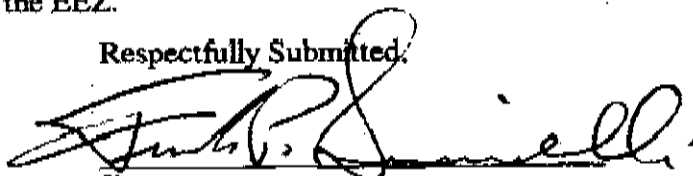
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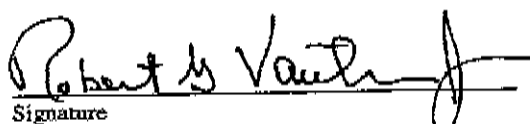
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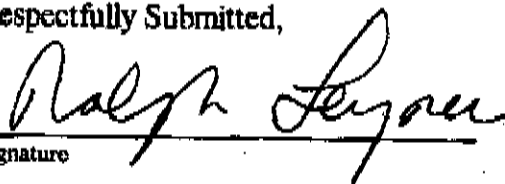
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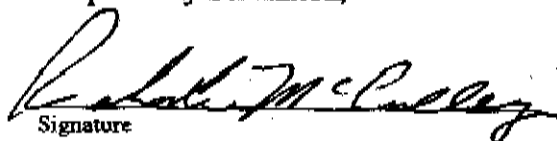
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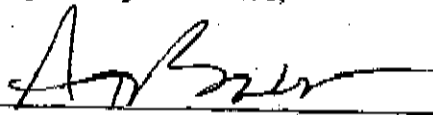
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